

**IRS AWARDS 102 TAX CLINICS \$6 MILLION TO HELP LOW-INCOME
TAXPAYERS**

WASHINGTON – As a part of the effort to provide top quality service to America's taxpayers, the IRS has awarded \$6 million for legal assistance this year to low-income taxpayer clinics.

The Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) grant program, now in its third year, is designed to help organizations provide low-cost legal assistance to taxpayers to resolve tax disputes. Organizations operating independent taxpayer clinics can qualify to receive up to \$100,000 in matching funds through the program.

This year, 102 organizations will receive funding under the program, which reflects a 24% increase in the number of organizations funded last year.

This year's LITC recipients represent non-profit organizations and accredited academic institutions from 38 states and the District of Columbia.

In its inaugural year, the LITC program awarded nearly \$1.5 million in grants for fiscal year (FY) 1999 and provided \$5 million for FY 2000 and \$6 million for the current year, FY 2001.

For the FY 2001 program, 141 organizations, representing 40 states and the District of Columbia, submitted applications for LITC grants totaling over \$9.8 million. Last year, 88 grant applications requesting funds were submitted.

"We're pleased to see more and more interest in a program that reaches an important group of taxpayers," said IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti. "The growth of interest in the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic program moves us one step closer to getting tax help to people at all income levels."

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The groups selected by the IRS for this year's grants are:

ALASKA

Alaska Business Development Center	Anchorage	\$ 53,427.00
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ALABAMA

Lawson State Community College	Birmingham	\$ 75,000.00
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ARKANSAS

University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law	Little Rock	\$ 85,377.00
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ARIZONA

Community Legal Services, Inc.	Phoenix	\$ 100,000.00
DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc.	Window Rock	\$ 99,986.00

CALIFORNIA

Central California Legal Services	Fresno	\$ 80,000.00
Korean Resource Center, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 70,000.00
AIDS Project Los Angeles, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 12,958.00
Filipino-American Service Group, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 35,000.00
California State University Northridge	Northridge	\$ 24,531.00
Chapman University School of Law	Orange	\$ 100,000.00
Assn. of Cultural Social Advancement For Vietnamese, Inc.	Redwood City	\$ 63,315.00
University of San Diego School of Law	San Diego	\$ 100,000.00
Nihonmachi Legal Outreach	San Francisco	\$ 23,164.00
San Francisco Bar Assn. Volunteer Legal Services Prog.	San Francisco	\$ 70,000.00
Legal Aid Society of Orange County	Santa Ana	\$ 70,000.00

COLORADO

University of Denver College of Law	Denver	\$ 70,737.00
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CONNECTICUT

Quinnipiac College, School of Law	Hamden	\$ 100,000.00
University of Connecticut - School of Law	Hartford	\$ 99,999.00

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

American University Washington College of Law	Washington	\$ 100,000.00
Community Tax Aid, Inc.	Washington	\$ 42,000.00

FLORIDA

Central Florida Legal Services, Inc.	Daytona Beach	\$ 100,000.00
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc.	Jacksonville	\$ 25,388.74
Legal Services of Greater Miami	Miami	\$ 100,000.00
Legal Services of North Florida, Inc.	Tallahassee	\$ 17,267.83

GEORGIA

Georgia State University, College of Law	Atlanta	\$ 100,000.00
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HAWAII

Legal Aid Society of Hawaii	Honolulu	\$ 35,755.00
Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii	Honolulu	\$ 20,000.00

IOWA

Legal Services Corp. of Iowa	Des Moines	\$ 76,837.67
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IDAHO

University of Idaho College of Law	Moscow	\$ 100,000.00
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ILLINOIS

Loyola University Chicago School of Law	Chicago	\$ 41,000.00
Illinois Institute of Technology/Chicago- Kent College of Law	Chicago	\$ 100,000.00
Center for Law and Human Services	Chicago	\$ 70,000.00
Korean American Resource and Cultural Center	Chicago	\$ 35,000.00

KENTUCKY

Northern Kentucky University	Highland Hgts	\$ 67,156.00
Legal Aid Society, Inc. (Volunteer Lawyer Program)	Louisville	\$ 28,700.00

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LOUISIANA

New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation	New Orleans	\$	12,830.00
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MASSACHUSETTS

Merrimack Valley Legal Services	Lowell	\$	7,616.00
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Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc.	Lynn	\$	11,723.00
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Southeastern Mass. Legal Assistance Corp.	New Bedford	\$	16,800.00
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Massachusetts Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic	Quincy	\$	16,030.00
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Community Action Agency of Somerville, Inc	Somerville	\$	20,000.00
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Bentley College	Waltham	\$	52,056.00
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MARYLAND

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service, Inc.	Baltimore	\$	94,864.00
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Community Ministry of Montgomery County, Inc.	Rockville	\$	12,990.00
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MAINE

Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.	Portland	\$	70,000.00
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MICHIGAN

Accounting Aid Society	Detroit	\$	26,000.00
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Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law	East Lansing	\$	100,000.00
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Legal Services of Eastern Michigan	Flint	\$	53,138.00
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MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota Law School	Minneapolis	\$	79,586.00
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Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance	Minneapolis	\$	37,000.00
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MISSOURI

Budget and Financial Management Assistance	Kansas City	\$	66,850.00
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University of Missouri Kansas City/ KC Tax Clinic	Kansas City	\$	70,000.00
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Southwest Missouri State University	Springfield	\$	37,779.00
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MISSISSIPPI

Southeast Mississippi Legal Services Corp.	Hattiesburg	\$ 40,000.00
North Mississippi Rural Legal Services	Oxford	\$ 25,000.00

NORTH CAROLINA

University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Greensboro	\$ 100,000.00
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NEW JERSEY

Cape-Atlantic Legal Services	Atlantic City	\$ 35,000.00
Camden Regional Legal Services, Inc.	Camden	\$ 52,500.00
Hispanic Development Corporation	Newark	\$ 10,500.00
Passaic County Legal Aid Society, Inc.	Paterson	\$ 50,000.00
Rutgers University Law School	Piscataway	\$ 100,000.00

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Advocates for Children & Families	Albuquerque	\$ 50,000.00
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NEW YORK

Albany Law School	Albany	\$ 100,000.00
Bronx Legal Services	Bronx	\$ 70,000.00
Brooklyn Legal Services Corp B	Brooklyn	\$ 70,000.00
Bedford Stuyvesant Community Legal Services Corp.	Brooklyn	\$ 69,751.00
Westchester Community Opportunity Program Inc.	Elmsford	\$ 50,000.00
Young Korean American Service and Education Center	Flushing	\$ 52,500.00
Ithaca College	Ithaca	\$ 26,867.00
Circulo de la Hispanidad, Inc.	Long Beach	\$ 70,000.00
Project Challenge of Long Island, Inc.	Long Beach	\$ 21,000.00
Fordham University School of Law	New York	\$ 100,000.00
The Legal Aid Society	New York	\$ 70,000.00
Asian Americans for Equality, Inc.	New York	\$ 50,000.00
Volunteer Legal Services of Monroe County	Rochester	\$ 10,061.00

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OHIO

Friendship Foundation of American-Vietnamese, Inc.	Cleveland	\$ 31,428.00
Legal Aid Society of Cleveland	Cleveland	\$ 50,025.00
Lake Erie College	Painesville	\$ 15,322.00

OKLAHOMA

Community Action Project of Tulsa County	Tulsa	\$ 50,000.00
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OREGON

Legal Aid Services of Oregon (LASO)	Hillsboro	\$ 28,000.00
Lewis and Clark Legal Clinic Northwestern College of Law	Portland	\$ 53,000.00

PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia Legal Assistance Center	Philadelphia	\$ 39,598.00
The University of Pittsburgh - School of Law	Pittsburgh	\$ 99,922.00
Duquesne University School of Law	Pittsburgh	\$ 67,410.00
Villanova University School of Law	Villanova	\$ 100,000.00

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island Tax Clinic, Inc.	Providence	\$ 100,000.00
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SOUTH CAROLINA

Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program, Inc.	Charleston	\$ 60,000.00
Palmetto Legal Services	Columbia	\$ 66,060.00
Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina, Inc.	Greenville	\$ 70,000.00

TENNESSEE

Rural Legal Services of Tennessee, Inc.	Oak Ridge	\$ 100,000.00
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TEXAS

Central Dallas Food Pantry Inc.	Dallas	\$ 35,000.00
Legal Service of North Texas	Dallas	\$ 39,900.00
Texas Tech University	Lubbock	\$ 100,000.00

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VIRGINIA

Boat People S.O.S. Inc.	Fairfax	\$ 70,000.00
The Community Tax Law Project	Richmond	\$ 100,000.00

WASHINGTON

University of Washington School of Law	Seattle	\$ 85,978.00
Gonzaga University School of Law	Spokane	\$ 38,500.00

WISCONSIN

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee	Milwaukee	\$ 62,609.00
University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee	Milwaukee	\$ 50,000.00

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia University College of Law	Morgantown	\$ 16,207.76
Wheeling Jesuit University	Wheeling	\$ 70,000.00

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